

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-6, 10-14, 16-19 and 24-32 are pending, with Claims 3, 16 and 17 amended and Claim 15 cancelled by the present amendment.

In the Official Action, Claims 3, 5-6 and 11-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones (U.S. Patent No. 6,606,506) in view of Sony CDP-X77ES (hereinafter Sony) in view of Stein (U.S. Patent No. 5,905,947); Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones, Sony, Stein and Hall (U.S. Patent No. 6,307,945); Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones in view of Sony, Stein and Vogel (GB 2316788a); Claims 10, 14, and 25-32 were allowed; and Claims 15-19 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claim 3 is amended to recite the allowable features of Claim 15. Claims 16 and 17 are amended for antecedent basis. No new matter is added.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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